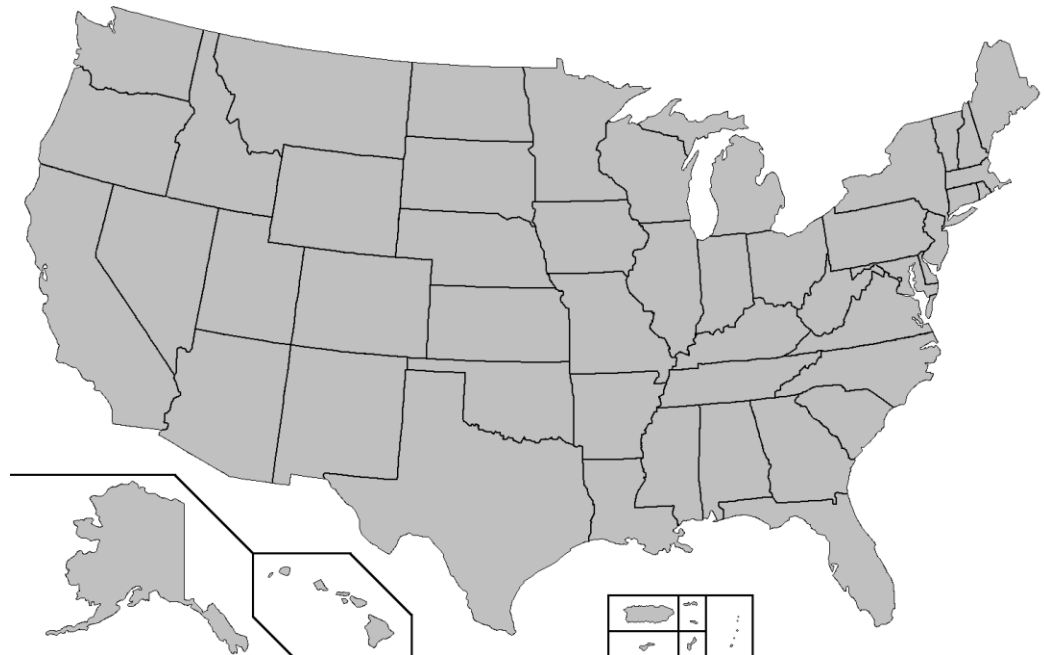


# Serving our Region through Community-Based Learning

RCE Greater Portland's  
E4 Sustainability TeamWorks Team

# Portland, Oregon, USA



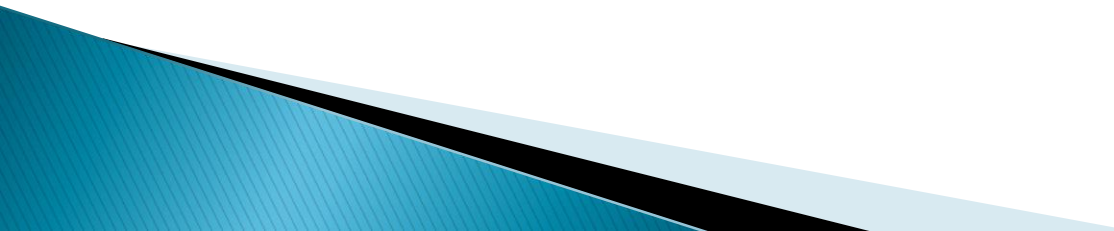


# GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

## Educate, Inspire, Engage

# Teamworks Goals and Learning Objectives

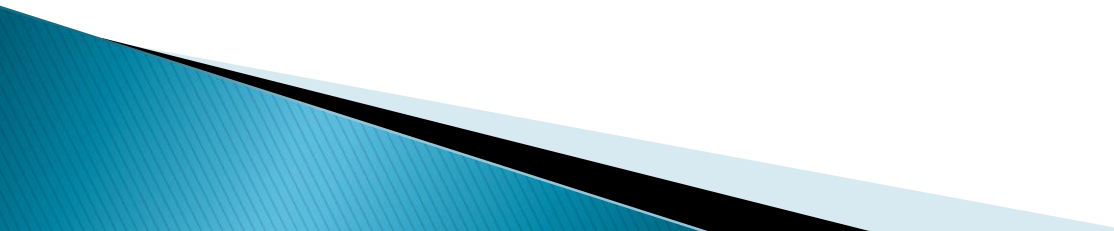
- ▶ Explore local E4 sustainability challenges
  - ▶ Identify existing sustainability initiatives
  - ▶ Empower participants to make a difference in their communities
  - ▶ Engage participants in service projects
  - ▶ Foster citizenship
  - ▶ Facilitate reflection
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Hands On  
GREATER PORTLAND

Improve lives, strengthen communities and advance equity by mobilizing the caring power of people across our metro area.

# Introductory Session

- ▶ Explore core foundations of social problems
  - ▶ Combat cynicism and thought traps
  - ▶ Create Cycles of Hope
  - ▶ Identify ways to participate in sustainable solutions.
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# ECONOMY



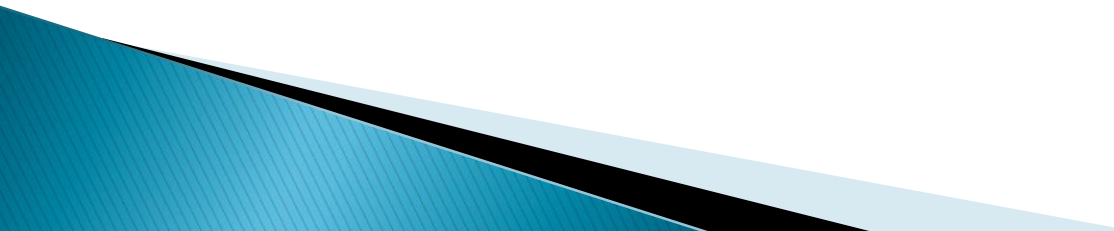
# EQUITY

- ▶ Preserve and share traditional knowledge
- ▶ View films on Alaskan Native response to climate change





# Earth Day Presentation

- ▶ International and regional RCEs and SDGs
  - ▶ E4: Education, Environment, Economy, and Equity
  - ▶ Creating solutions through regional multi-sector collaboration and service
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# EDUCATION

## Comcast Cares Day School Beautification Project

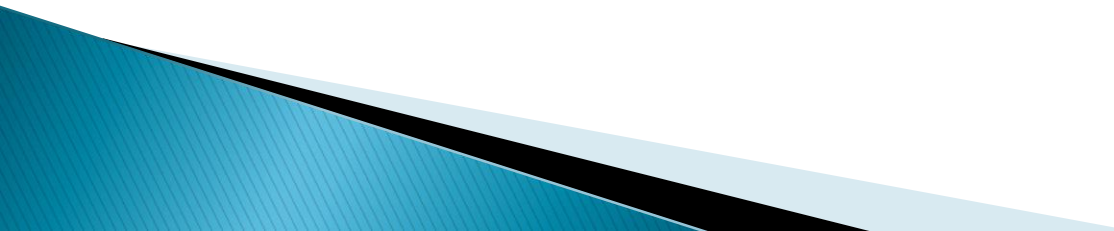


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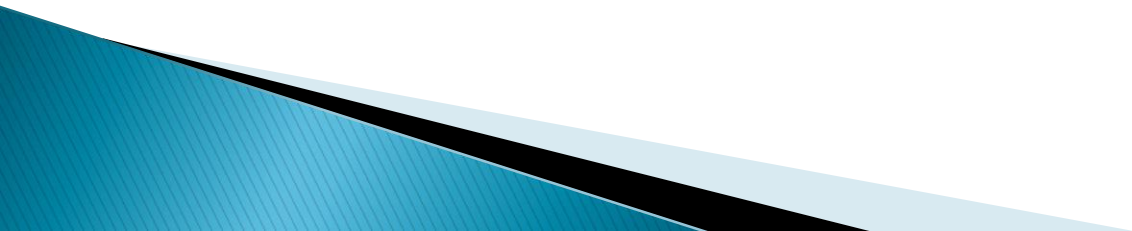
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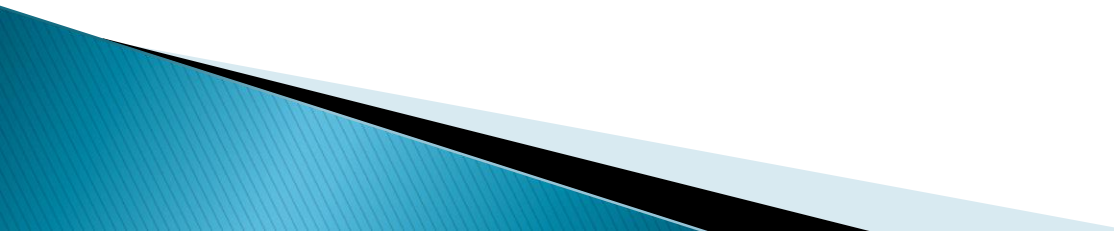


# Results

- ▶ 11 participants completed the TeamWorks team
  - ▶ Over 575 community members engaged in events
  - ▶ 152 hours of volunteer time by TeamWorks participants
  - ▶ 7 local sustainability organizations benefitted from projects
  - ▶ Over 600 meals served
  - ▶ 75 students and community members screened Wisdom of the Elders films
  - ▶ 9 TeamWorks participants and over 400 Comcast employees planted 55 trees, spread 2 tons of mulch, and scrubbed and painted school rooms and hallways at a local elementary school
  - ▶ Over 100 pieces of recycled lumber were de-nailed for re-sale
  - ▶ Two students joined additional TeamWorks teams
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# According to evaluations, participants gained:

- ▶ New skills
  - ▶ New knowledge and understanding
  - ▶ Sense of community
  - ▶ Connection to non-profit organizations
  - ▶ Opportunities to take action
  - ▶ Friends
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- ▶ “It was fun and educational. I had a great time doing all of the different types of activities. Talking to like-minded individuals has a great effect on one’s attitude on being positive about such heavy topics.”
  - ▶ “Our HandsOn Teamworks team helped me learn that I can make a difference in my community.”
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# Core Reflections

- ▶ Community-based learning is a powerful educational tool
  - ▶ Builds critical thinking and problem-solving skills
  - ▶ Partnerships between schools and organizations strengthen our communities
  - ▶ Makes teaching more meaningful
  - ▶ Essential to create Cycles of Hope
  - ▶ Replicable model
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